

REMARKS


In the Notice of Allowance mailed on DECEMBER 3, 2004 claims 1-23 were allowed. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for positive consideration of the claims.

However, the Notice of Allowance also provided numerous reasons for allowing claims 1-23. The Applicant respectfully traverses the reasons for Allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowance.

Regarding the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the Applicant respectfully disagrees with the specific reasons for allowance set forth by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance mailed on DECEMBER 3, 2004, and respectfully asserts that the allowability of the claims is instead based upon the features of the claims and the totality of the record.

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Respectfully submitted,


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